

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 and 14-15 are pending in the present application. Claims 11-13 are canceled and claims 1 and 10 are amended. Claims 1 and 10 are amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 14 to place the application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

The Final Office Action dated August 9, 2005, states that independent claim 14 and dependent claim 15 are allowed. Applicant thanks Examiner St. Cyr for pointing out the allowable subject matter in the Office Action dated March 16, 2005. Claims 1 and 10 are amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 14. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 10 are now in condition for allowance. Since claims 2-9 are dependent on claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-9 are also in condition for allowance at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 1.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 102, Alleged Anticipation Based on Broadhurst

The Final Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 9-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by *Broadhurst*, U.S. Patent Number 6,705,532. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1 and 10 are amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 14. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1 and 10 are now in condition for allowance. Since claims 2, 6, 7, and 9 are dependent on claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2, 6, 7, and 9 are in condition for allowance at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 1. Claims 11-13 are canceled. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdraw of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 6, 7 and 9-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

III. 35 U.S.C. § 103, Alleged Obviousness Based on Broadhurst and Lie

The Final Office Action rejects claims 3-5 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over *Broadhurst* in view of *Lie* (U.S. Patent Number 4,730,285). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

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Independent claim 1 is amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 14. Claims 3-5 and 8 are dependent on claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3-5 and 8 are in condition for allowance at least by virtue of their dependency on claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdraw of the rejection of claims 3-5 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

IV. Alleged Double Patenting

The Final Office Action provisionally rejects claims 1 and 6-11 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of copending Application Numbers 09/703,340, 09/703,334, 09/703,335 and 09/703,344.

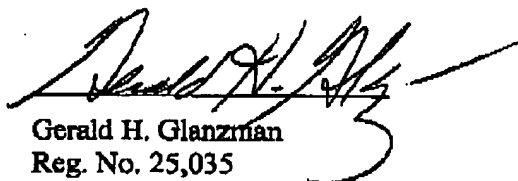
Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to independent claims 1 and 10 overcome this rejection. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdraw of the rejection of claims 1 and 6-11 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

V. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited references and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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